



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Government Organization

Minutes for MARCH 23, 2021, 2:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on March 23, 2021, 2:00 PM in Room 208-W.

Members present: Senators Maynard, Swope, Maroney, Nelson, Smith, Stover, Woodrum, Caputo, Ihlenfeld, Jeffries, Lindsay, Woelfel

Members absent: Senators Martin, Sypolt

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Swope, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

S.B. 550 – Providing counties with authority to impose county sales and use tax of up to one percent under certain circumstances

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Summer Barrett, Berkeley County Commission, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 550 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.B. 613 – Adding classification and base salaries of certain civilian employees of State Police Forensic Laboratory

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 613 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

S.B. 604 – Requiring WV State Police follow towing service policies of county

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. Senator Maynard requested a ruling of the Chair as to whether he should be excused from voting under Senate Rule 43 as he is an owner of a towing business. The Chair replied that any impact on Senator Maynard would be as a member of a class of persons and that he would be required to vote. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and

adopted. On motion of Senator Maynard, the committee substitute for S.B. 604 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 488 – Relating to distributing hotel occupancy tax to convention and visitor's bureaus

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Swope moved to report S.B. 488 to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. Senator Woodrum requested a ruling of the Chair as to whether he should be excused from voting under Senate Rule 43 as he is a member of the Convention of Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. The Chair replied that any impact on Senator Woodrum would be as a member of a class of persons and that he would be required to vote. Senator Swope moved to report S.B. 521 to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and retracted the motion. On motion of Senator Swope, S.B. 488 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 521 – Extending licensure renewal term of certain private investigators, security guards, and associated firms

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the committee, Elaine Tuckwiller, WV Secretary of State's Office, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maynard, addressed the committee, and responded to questions. (See attached oath.) On motion of Senator Swope, S.B. 521 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

S.B. 470 – Limiting release of certain personal information maintained by state agencies

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. The question on the motion that the committee substitute be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.B. 470 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but that it first be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

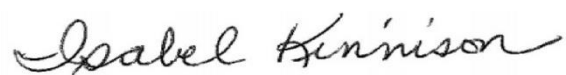
S.C.R. 14 – Creating WV Women's Suffrage Memorial

Phillip Childs, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the committee substitute and responded to questions. The question on agreeing to the committee substitute, was put, and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the committee substitute for S.C.R. 14 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

On Motion of Senator Swope the committee adjourned.

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Mark R. Maynard, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Isabel Kinnison". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Isabel" being the most prominent.

Isabel Kinnison, Analyst/Clerk

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Testimony taken this 23 day of March, 2021, in
the Senate Committee on Government Organization.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Summer Barrett

Print Witness Name

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Sign Witness Name

Oath was administered by:

Mark R. Maynard

Print Member Name

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